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SUBJECT: NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS

1. SUMMARY: DRP ANNOUNCES THAT THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS
WILL BE HELD BY DECEMBER 17. END SUMMARY.

2. ALL MAJOR PAPERS REPORTED 8/17 THAT RHEE HYU SANG, ACTING
CHAIRMAN OF THE DRP, ANNOUNCED THAT THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
ELECTIONS AND "ALL POLITICAL SCHEDULES" WILL BE CONCLUDED BEFORE
DECEMBER 17, TEN DAYS BEFORE PRESIDENT PARK'S REINAUGURATION.
ACCORDING TO RHEE'S TIMETABLE, THE COMING ASSEMBLY SESSION CAN
CONCLUDE ITS BUSINESS, INCLUDING PASSAGE OF NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET,
BY MID-NOVEMBER, ALLOWING THE SESSION TO BE CUT SHORT BY THIRTY
DAYS. THE POLITICAL PARTIES WILL SHORTLY BEGIN TO NEGOTIATE
THE ELECTION DATE AND ANNOUNCE IT THEN.

3. RHEE ADDED THAT ONLY ABOUT 60 PERCENT OF DRP ASSEMBLYMEN
WILL BE RENOMINATED AND THAT THE YUJONGHOE WILL BE RESHUFFLED
IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE ELECTION. HE CONCEDED THAT A DECEMBER
ELECTION DATE WILL BE UNFAVORABLE TO THE DRP BECAUSE OF
THE SET OF RECENT SCANDALS.

4. THE NDP, WHICH HAS BEEN CALLING FOR AN EARLY ELECTION,
DECIDED YESTERDAY IN A STRATEGY MEETING OF ITS SUPREME
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COUNCIL TO COMPLETE ITS NOMINATIONS OF CANDIDATES BY 9/20,
THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY'S OPENING DATE. THE COUNCIL ALSO
ENDORSED A PROPOSAL TO CONTINUE QUESTIONING THE GOVERNMENT
ON THE RECENT SCANDALS AFTER THE ASSEMBLY RECONVENES.
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